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SUBJECT: TENG HSIAO-PING COMMENTS ON "PEACEFUL LIBERATION"
OF TAIWAN

1. AT LUNCHEON OCTOBER 2 GIVEN BY AFP CORRESPONDENT
ROMENSKY FOR ROSS MUNRO, HEAD OF VISITING CANADIAN
JOURNALISTS' DELEGATION, MUNRO MENTIONED TO USLO ACTING
CHIEF THAT DURING SESSION JOURNALISTS HAD WITH VICE
PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING EARLIER THAT DAY TENG HAD
DISCOUNTED POSSIBILITY OF "PEACEFUL LIBERATION" OF
TAIWAN SO LONG AS "BOTH CHIANGS" WERE STILL ALIVE.
CANADIANS HAD BEEN MUCH STRUCK BY TENG'S WORDS, BELIEVING
THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME THIS POSITION HAD BEEN PUT
FORWARD BY AUTHORITATIVE PRC SOURCE. THEY TOOK IT TO MEAN
THAT PRC WAS NOT IN A HURRY ABOUT "LIBERATING" TAIWAN.

2. ALSO AT SAME LUNCHEON ACTING CHIEF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO
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ASK MA YU-CHEN OF MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT WHEN A U.S.

GROUP SIMILAR TO VISITING CANADIAN DELEGATION MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BE INVITED TO CHINA. MA REFERRED TO COMMENTS MADE ON PRC SIDE AT CONCLUSION OF U.S. EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS VISIT IN 1972 TO EFFECT THAT OTHER SUCH GROUPS WOULD BE COMING IN THE FUTURE, AND SAID THAT "SOONER OR LATER" THERE WOULD DEFINITELY BE FURTHER VISITS BY U.S. NEWSMEN ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT BE SPECIFIC AS TO THE TIMING.

3. FOR HONG KONG: CIRCUMSTANCES OF LUNCHEON DID NOT PERMIT FULLER QUESTIONING CONCERNING TENG HSIAO-PING'S COMMENTS TO CANADIANS, AND YOU MAY WISH TO ARRANGE TO DEBRIEF THEM ON THIS AND OTHER RELATED TOPICS FOLLOWING THEIR DEPARTURE FROM THE PRC.
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